

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2005
City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Gary Johnson at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

1. Board Member Roll Call

Present: Marie Barrett, Jeffrey Hays, Gary Johnson, Leon Lesicka, Maurice Martinez, Ellen Way, and Nancy Wright

Absent: Gregory Pettis

2. Staff Present

Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jose Angel, Sheila Ault, John Carmona, Mariella Carpio-Obesa, Jose Cortez, Ron Falkowski, Kristie Garcia, Abdi Haile, Kirk Larkin, Kola Olatunbosun, Wendy Ortiz, Robert Perdue, Judy Reed, Maribel Rodriguez, Jon Rokke, Charles Springer, Joan Stormo, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Vu, Soni Wells, and Nadim Zeywar

3. Others Present

Allison Allen, Imperial County Farm Bureau
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District
D. Cain, Salton Sea Authority
Steve Charlton, Imperial Irrigation District
Catherine George, State Water Resources Control Board – OCC
Al Kalin, Imperial County Farm Bureau
Nealy Kendrick, Court Reporter
Philip Wyels, State Water Resources Control Board – OCC

4. Minutes

Meeting of October 13, 2004

MOTION: Mr. Lesicka moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

Meeting of November 17, 2004

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

5. Public Forum

No one from the public chose to speak.

6. Resolutions

Resolution No. R7-2005-0009, Expressing Appreciation to F. Thomas Kieley

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution No. R7-2005-0009 be approved as submitted.

Resolution No. R7-2005-0010, Expressing Appreciation to John R. Benson

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution No. R7-2005-0010 be approved as submitted.

7. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements

R7-2005-0005 Imperial County Department of Community and Economic Development, Owner/Operator, Poe Colonia (Cady Subdivision) Community Subsurface Wastewater Disposal System – Brawley, Imperial County (New Order)

R7-2005-0003 Change of Name and/or Ownership

CS 01-088 Hi-Desert Water District

MOTION: Mr. Hays moved, Mr. Martinez seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2005-0003 and R7-2005-0005 be adopted.

8. Uncontested Enforcement Action

Public Hearing for Consideration to Affirm, Reject, or Modify Proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order (ACLO) as follows:

R7-2005-0002 McCabe Union School District, Owner/Operator, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, Collection and Disposal Systems – El Centro, Imperial County

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Martinez seconded, and motion carried unanimously that ACLO No. R7-2005-0002 be adopted.

9. Continuation of Public Hearing to Consider Resolution No. R7-2005-0006: Sedimentation/Siltation Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Imperial Valley Drains: Niland 2, P, and Pumice Drains and Implementation Plan

The public hearing was opened.

The appropriate oath was taken by those planning to testify.

Sheila Ault, Regional Board staff, gave an overview of the TMDL implementation process. She also provided the supplemental staff report on the Sedimentation/Siltation TMDL for the Imperial Valley Drains. The report addressed the economic concerns raised by the Imperial County Farm Bureau during the June 2004 Regional Board Hearing for the TMDL.

Allison Allen, Imperial County Farm Bureau, spoke regarding the matter, and complemented the Board and staff for addressing the Bureau's concerns.

Robert Perdue, Regional Board Executive Officer, recommended adoption of the TMDL.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution No. R7-2005-0006, including the errata, be approved as submitted.

10. Schedule of Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2005

MOTION: Mr. Lesicka moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Schedule of Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2005 be approved as submitted.

11. Election of Chair

MOTION: Ms. Wright nominated Gary Johnson to serve as Chair, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

12. Election of Vice-Chair

MOTION: Mr. Lesicka nominated Nancy Wright to serve as Vice-Chair, Mr. Johnson seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

13. Informational Update on the Meaders Cleaners Site

Mr. Perdue gave an update on cleanup efforts at the Meaders Cleaners site.

14. Informational Update on Border Pollution

Ms. Wright reported her attendance at the New River tour in December 2004. She stated that each of the Board Members would benefit from taking the New River tour.

15. Informational Update on State Board Activities

Philip Wyels, State Water Resources Control Board – OCC, stated that the California Performance Review Commission Report recommended that the Regional Water Quality Control Boards be left intact.

16. Regional Board Executive Officer's Report

Jose Cortez, Regional Board staff, provided an update on remediation efforts at Pacific Gas and Electric's Topock Compressor Station.

Mr. Perdue reported that an ACLC was issued to the Imperial Irrigation District.

17. Chair's Report

Mr. Johnson welcomed the new Board Members.

Mr. Johnson reported his attendance at a WQCC meeting in December 2004 and a Salton Sea Advisory Committee meeting in January 2005.

18. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.